



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroyuki Hyodo
Serial No.: 09/849,966
Conf. No.: 9327
Filed: 05/04/2001
For: CARBONACEOUS PROTECTIVE
LAYER, MAGNETIC
RECORDING MEDIUM,
PRODUCTION METHOD
THEREOF, AND MAGNETIC
DISK APPARATUS
Art Unit: 1773
Examiner: Resan, Stevan A.

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Date

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Registration No. 29,367

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	27	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$
Independent Claims	3	3	=	0	x	\$84.00	=	\$
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims						\$280.00	=	\$
				Total Additional Fee				\$ 0.00

(X) Amendment C.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

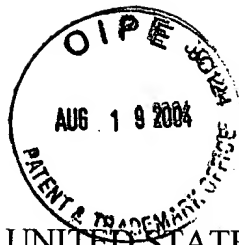
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Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 14, 2004, please amend the application as follows: